Evaluating Adult Lamprey Dam Passage Counting Methodology at Bonneville and The Dalles Dams



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Objectives

1) Estimate Pacific lamprey counts at night: Bonneville and The Dalles

2) To determine total escapement past dams for Pacific lamprey:

Day count + night video count + LPS count

Methods

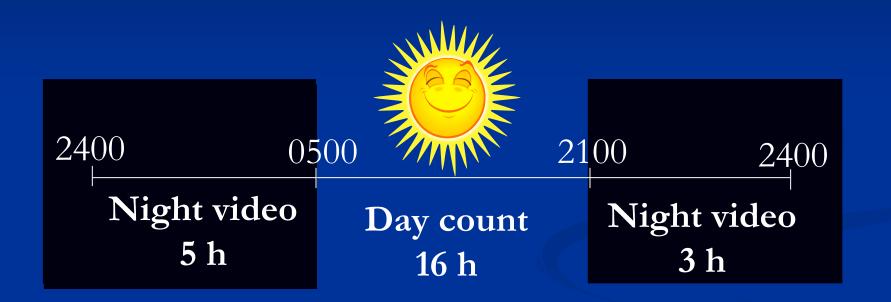
- Record lamprey passage at count windows
- From 2100 to 0500 hours
- Hard drives downloaded once every 2 weeks
- Video transferred to DVDs
- Video was reviewed and lamprey counts recorded

Equipment Setup





Nighttime Video

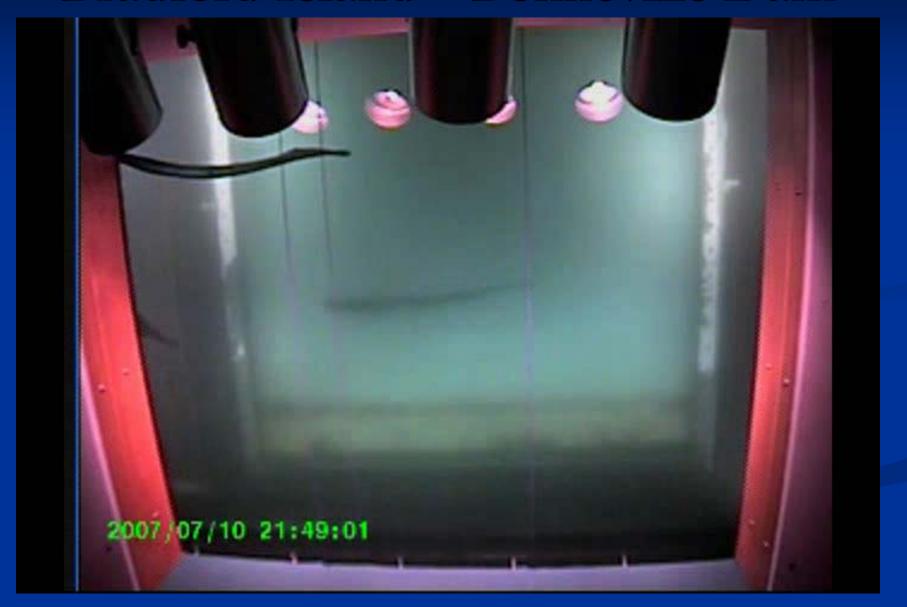


Nighttime Video Summary

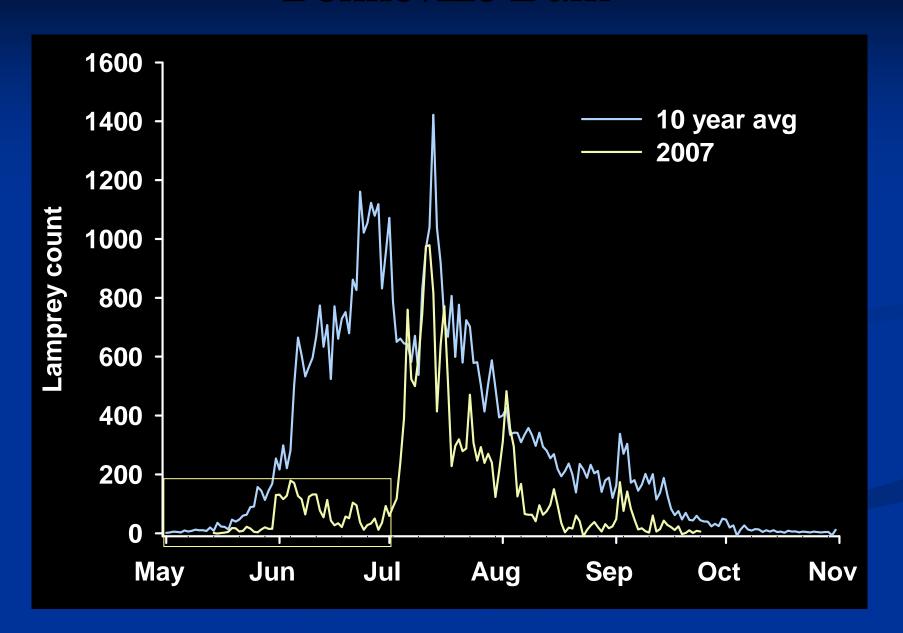
Count Window	Video date range	Nights Recorded	Nighttime Outages	Nights watched
BO Bradford	May 16 – Aug 27	101	2	46 (45%)
BO Washington	May 29 – Sep 6	54	40	20 (40%)
TD North	May 23 – Sep 5	102	1	27 (27%)
TD East	May 23 – Sep 5	102	1	20 (20%)



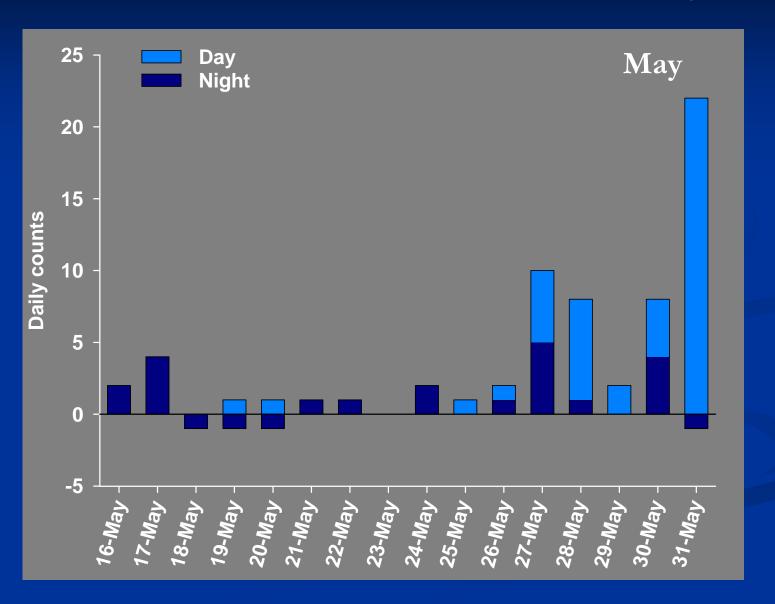
Bradford Island – Bonneville Dam



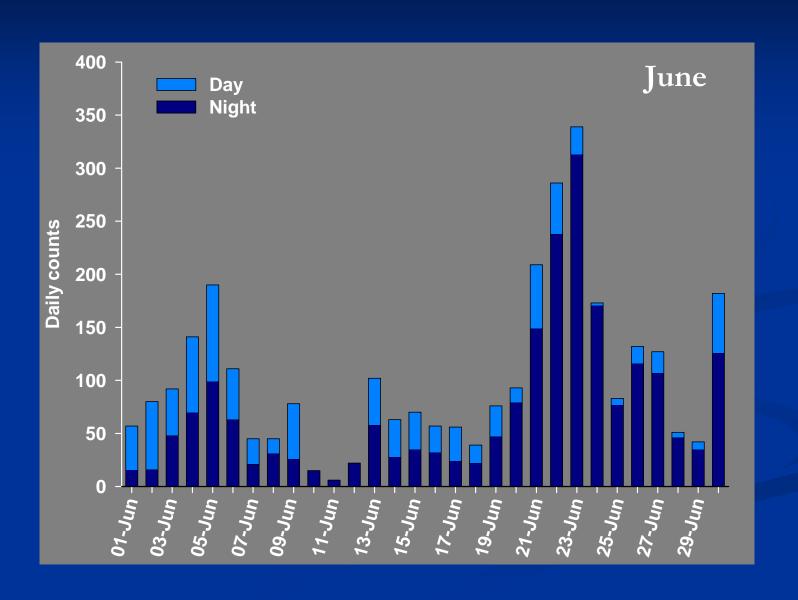
Bonneville Dam



Bradford Island Count Window Lamprey Passage



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Preliminary Results

	May (16-31)				June (1-30)		
Count window	Day	Night	Total	Day	Night	Total	
Bradford Island	44	17	61 (28%)	822	2136	3062 (70%)	



Bradford Island - Escapement Estimate

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May (16-31):

Day count + night video + LPS count

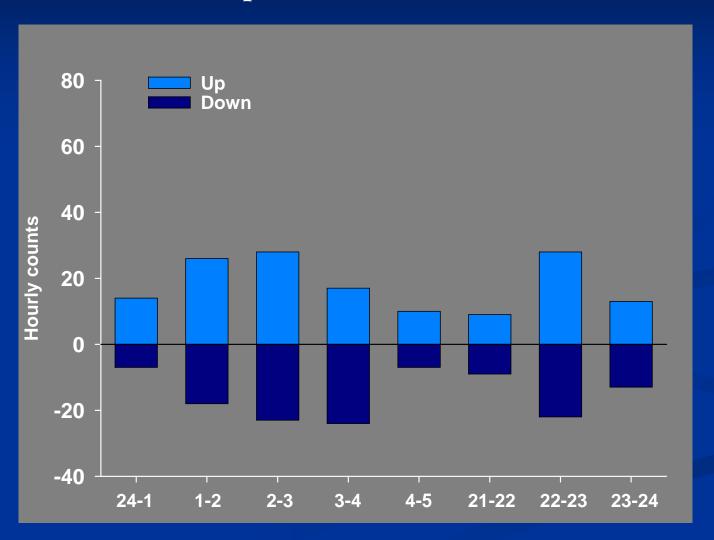
44 + 17 + 17 = 78

June (1-30):

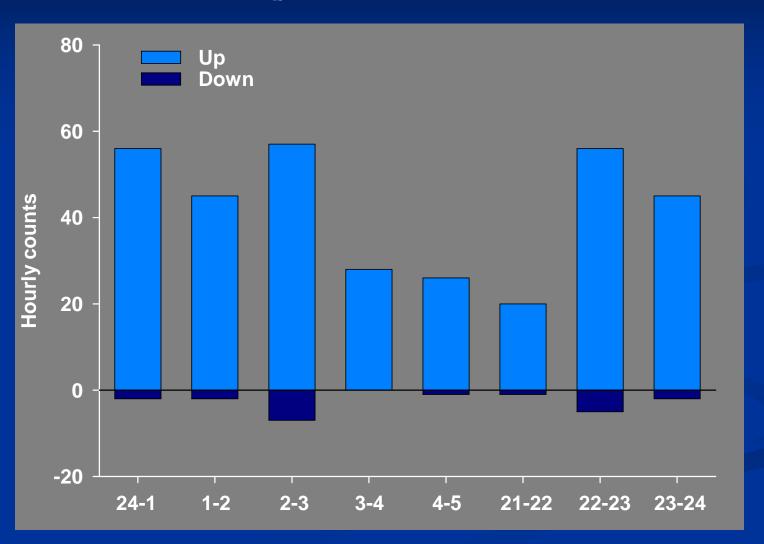
Day count + night video + LPS count

822 + 2136 + 1203 = 4161
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June 12 - Bradford Island 145 Up 123 Down Net 22



June 23 - Bradford Island 333 Up 20 Down Net 313



Lamprey Video Difficulties

- Equipment available on hand was not specifically designed for task
- Outages primarily from loss of power to equipment
- Lighting in the count window/room
- Lip at the bottom of count window
- Archiving data to DVD



Lights on in count window room

Lights off in count window room





Preliminary Conclusion

 Nighttime passage can account for a large portion of total dam escapement

Recommended Modifications - 2008

- Improved recording equipment
- Mounting cameras from ceiling
- Improved lighting in count window
- Structural changes false bottom

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